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1. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF AFL-CIO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
STATEMENT ON SOUTH AFRICA, ADOPTED 24 FEBRUARY.

2. BEGIN TEXT: QUOTE: SINCE THE AFL-CIO HAS REPEATEDLY
CALLED FOR AN END TO THE SYSTEM OF APARTHEID PRACTICED BY
THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA, IT IS DEPLORABLE THAT THE

SUBJUGATION AND REPRESSION OF THE NON-WHITE CITIZENS OF SOUTH AFRICA BY A WHITE MINORITY GOVERNMENT HAS ESCALATED. THIS IS AMPLY DEMONSTRATED BY THE WHOLESAL BANNING, JAILING AND KILLING OF INDIVIDUALS WHOSE ONLY WISH IS TO EXERCISE THEIR INHERENT POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN RIGHTS.

THE OPPRESSION IN SOUTH AFRICA MUST BE VIEWED WITH PARTICULAR ALARM SINCE IT IS COMMITTED UNDER THE QUISE OF A PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY, AND IS NOT DIRECTLY THE POLICY OF A SINGLE DICTATORIAL RULER.

GIVEN THE CONTINUED INTRANSIGENCE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT, THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL STRONGLY REAFFIRMS THE

RESOLUTION ON AFRICA OF THE TWELFTH CONVENTION OF THE AFL-CIO, WHICH CALLS FOR:

U.S. CORPORATIONS WITH INVESTMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA MUST IMMEDIATELY RECOGNIZE BONA FIDE TRADE UNION ORGANIZATIONS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR RACIAL COMPOSITION, AND BEGIN TREATING THEIR EMPLOYEES ON AN EQUAL BASIS, COMMENCING WITH SUCH FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES AS WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS.

FULL RECOGNITION AND REGISTRATION OF ALL BONA FIDE TRADE UNIONS.

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SOUTH AFRICA SUPPORT FOR THE POSITION OF THE UNITED NATIONS BY WITHDRAWING FROM NAMIBIA.

A HALT OF ALL U.S.-SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR COOPERATION AND FOR U.S. OBSERVANCE OF THE 1963 UNITED NATIONS ARMBARGO RESOLUTION ON SOUTH AFRICA.

SUPPORT OF THE GENEVA ACCORD ON FREE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, ESPECIALLY AS IT RELATES TO BLACKS ENTERING AND LEAVING THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA.

IN ADDITION, THE AFL-CIO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ENDORSES THE FOLLOWING FURTHER ACTIONS:

1. EX-IM BANK INSURANCE AND LOAN GUARANTEES FOR SOUTH AFRICA, AS WELL AS OTHER U.S. GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS WHICH PROMOTE THE FLOW OF CAPITAL OR CREDIT TO SOUTH AFRICA SHOULD END.

2. U.S. CORPORATIONS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY DIVEST THEMSELVES OF SOUTH AFRICAN AFFILIATES, AND SEVER ALL TIES WITH

SOUTH AFRICAN CORPORATIONS. EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO INFLUENCE THE CORPORATIONS OF OTHER DEMOCRATIC STATES TO DO LIKEWISE.

3. AID AND ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO FREE TRADE UNION ORGANIZATIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA WHICH ARE OPERATING UNDER REPRESSIVE CONDITIONS.

4. AND FURTHER, SHOULD RESULTS NOT BE FORTHCOMING --
A) WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL PARTICIPATION WHICH SOUTH AFRICA SOCIAL, CULTURAL, ATHLETIC AND OTHER ACTIVITIES AND (B) WITHDRAWAL OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, (C) U.S. SUPPORT OF U.N. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA.

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THE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE AFL-CIO IS CONTINUING THE STUDY MANDATED BY THE CONVENTION FOR FURTHER POSITIVE COURSES OF ACTION, INCLUDING SELECTIVE BOYCOTTS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICAN EXPORTS. IT WILL BE PREPARED TO REPORT AT A LATER MEETING OF THE COUNCIL. VANCE

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